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REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR

OF

STATE TOBACCO WAREHOUSE,

NO. 3,

TO THE LEGISLATURE OF MARYLAND,

JANUARY SESSION, 1860.



REPORT.

TO THE HONORABLE,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND:

The Inspector in State Tobacco Warehouse No. 3, in the city of Baltimore, begs leave to submit to your Honorable Body the following report, which embraces the workings of said Warehouse from May 1st, 1858, to November 1st, 1859:

TOBACCO.	HHDS.
The stock on hand, May 1st, 1858, was	1,088
Amount inspected from May 1st, 1858, to Nov. 1st, 1859,	21,726
	22,814
Amount shipped from May 1st, 1858, to Nov. 1st, 1859,	19,071
	3,743
Condemned, and taken away by owner,	1
Stock on hand Nov. 1st, 1859,	3,742

Amount received for outage on 19,071 hhds., at \$1 25 per hhd.,	\$23,838 75
Amount received for extra weight,	281 48
“ “ “ extra storage,	5 12
“ “ “ extra cooperage,	634 25
“ “ “ doing up stays,	424 75
“ “ “ re-draws,	206 50
“ “ “ scraps,	645 36
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	\$26,036 21
Amount paid for labor,\$15,692 60	
“ “ incidentals, 2,957 61	
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	18,650 21
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	\$7,386 00

The cost of nails was \$3,602 48, which was paid by draft on Comptroller.

The Inspector would state, for the information of the Legislature, that the three houses of which he has charge are so situated as to require much more labor than if they were all embraced in one warehouse. Two of them are old and inconvenient, and the wheels and ropes were badly out of order when he took them in charge. Owing to the heavy press of tobacco in the year 1858, he applied to the Comptroller for authority to put up two additional screws, which was granted. The cost of these had to be returned in the incidental account, which helped materially to swell it to its present amount.

During the past year, when the European war prevented the shipping of tobacco, a much larger number of hands had to be employed than usual, to tier the tobacco up in the warehouse, in order to avoid the trouble and expense incident to renting houses for storage.

The Inspector would call the attention of your Honorable Body to the present law in regard to staying and re-drawing tobacco. The cost of every hogshead, “full stayed,” is from \$1 50 to \$2 00, while the State receives but \$1 00. The sum of \$1 00 per hogshead should be charged for re-drawing Kentucky tobacco, in order to cover expenses. Nearly all the re-draws are heavy Western tobacco. The most of the stays are also Western tobacco.

A reference to the bills for lumber, hoops and nails, as returned to Comptroller, will serve to show in what bad condition tobacco is delivered here. And yet planters complain when cooperage is charged. The Inspector is fully satisfied that the amount received for cooperage will barely suffice to meet the extra expense incurred for lumber, hoops and nails.

The foregoing statement will show that, on the 1st of November, 1859, there was an excess of 2,654 hogsheads, over and above the stock on hand May 1st, 1858, a large portion of which is heavy Kentucky tobacco, and which has been in the warehouse so long that it will bring in a considerable amount for extra storage, as well as for extra weight. It will thus be seen that when the stock is reduced to what it was on the 1st of May, 1858, the proceeds will amount to between \$3,000 and \$4,000—which will be more than enough to cover all expenses of the warehouse.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

PHILEMON GRIFFITH,

Inspector Tobacco Warehouse No. 3.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 16th, 1860.

